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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: NO, OVIP(KISSINGERN HENRY A.)

SUBJ: SECVISIT: SECRETARY'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO NORWAY: SCHEDULE

REF: (A) STATE 102050; (B) OSLO 2115

1. WE INFORMED THE NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION ON APRIL 28 OF THE SECRETARY'S AGREEMENT TO OPEN THE BICENTENNIAL EXHIBIT. THE SAME DAY, THE ASSOCIATION INVITED KING OLAV TO REPRESENT NORWAY AT THE CREMONY. THEY HAVE HAD NO REPLY FROM THE PALACE TO DATE, BUT NOTE THAT THEY WILL HAVE TO PRINT AND POST THE INVITATION NOT LATER THAN MAY 10. THUS, IF THERE IS ANY CHANCE OF A CHANGE IN THE SECRETARY'S AVAILABILITY FOR THE CEREMONY WE WILL NEED TO KNOW ASAP.

2. THE ASSOCIATION WAS PROVIDED US WITH THE FOLLOWING SCENARIO FOR THE CEREMONY ON MAY 23:

3:40 P.M.: SECRETARY DEPARTS HOTEL

3:50 P.M. SECRETARY ARRIVES AT SONJA HENIE-NIELS ONSTAD MUSEUM (NOTE: BY PROTOCOL THE SECRETARY MUST ARRIVE BEFORE THE KING WHO IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE ABOUT 5 MINUTES BEFORE THE CEREMONY STARTS).

3:55 P.M. KING OLAV ARRIVES (AS NOTED ABOVE, KING'S PARTICIPATION IS SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION)

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4:00 P.M. CEREMONY BEGINS WITH OPENING REMARKS BY

MR. PREBENSEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE
NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION. HE INTRODUCES
SECRETARY KISSINGER.

4:05 P.M. SECRETARY'S REMARKS (THE ASSOCIATION LEAVES
THE LENGTH UP TO THE SECRETARY BUT SUGGESTS
THAT 5 MINUTES WOULD BE ADEQUATE).

4:10 P.M. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SECRETARY' REMARKS,
THE KING CUTS THE RIBBON OFFICIALLY OPENING
THE EXHIBIT.

4:10 P.M. THE ASSOCIATION WOULD LIKE THE KING AND THE
SECRETARY TO DO A QUICK WALK-THORUGH OF THE
EXHIBIT. IT WOULD PROBABLY TAKE 20-30 MINUTES.

C. 4:30-4:40P.M. KING DEPARTS. SECRETARY LEAVES FOR
AIRPORT (ABOUT A 5 MINUTE DRIVE).

4:45 P.M. SECRETARY ARRIVES AT AIRPORT.
THE NORWEGIAN PRESS HOPES THAT THE SECRETARY
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR 10 OR 15 MINUTES OF QUESTIONS AT THE AIRPORT
PRIOR
TO DEPRTURE.

5:00 P.M. WHEELS UP.

3. HERewith DRAFT SUGGESTED REMARKS FOR THE SECRETARY AT THE
CEREMONY.

4. BEGIN EEXT: IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE TO BE HERE. WE ARE ALL
DEEPLY HONORED, YOUR MAJESTY, THAT YOU HAVE TAKEN TIME TO SHARE
IN THE OPENING OF THIS EXHIBIT. YOUR PRESENCE SYMBOLIZES THE
IMPORTANCE BOTH OUR COUNTRIES PLACE ON OUR UNIQUE AND CLOSE RE-
LATIONSHIP.

I SHALL BE BRIEF, BECAUSE THE EXHIBIT IS ITSELF AN
ELOQUENT STATEMENT OF THE STORY OF THE AMERICAK WE CELEBRATE IN
THIS BICENTENNIAL YEAR. LAST YEAR WE CELEBRATED ONE ASEPCT OF
OUR CLOSE BONDS WHEN WE MARKED THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF NORWEGIAN
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EMIGRATION TO AMERCA, THE HIGH POINT OF WHICH WAS UNDOUBTEDLY
YOUR MAJESTY'S SUCCESSFUL AND MOVING VISIT TO AMERICA IN OCTOBER.
THIS YEAR AGAIN IN A BRITHDAY CELEBRATION--THE BIRTH
200 YEARS AGO OF THE AMERICAN EXPERIMENT, OF A LAND BULT BY
MEN OF COURAGE, VISION AND CHARACTER.

YOUR MAJESTY IN THE EXHIBIT THERE IS A QUOTATION FROM
ONE OF AMERICA'S GREATEST POETS, CARL SANDBURG:

"THE PEOPLE KNEW THE SALT OF THE SEA
AND THE STRENGTH OF THE WINDS
LASHING THE CORNERS OF THE EARTH,
THE PEOPLE TAKE THE EARTH
AS A TOMB OF REST AND A CRADLE
OF HOPE.
WHO ELSE SPEAKS FOR THE FAMILY OF MAN?"

FOR 200 YEARS AMERICA HAS BEEN A CRADLE OF HOPE TO
MILLIONS. IT ATTRACTED THOUSANDS OF NORWEGIANS TO ITS SHORES;
PEOPLE WHO KNEW THE SALT OF THE SEA AND THE STRENGTH OF THE
WINDS. THEY CAME AND TAYED. SINCE TEN, THE TIES BETWEEN
NORWAY AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN STRONG AND ENDURING,
BUILT ON A SHARED HISTORY, A COMMON CULTURE, CLOSE ECONOMIC
RELATIONS AND THE BOND OF BLOOD LINKING OUR PEOPLES. I AM TOLD
THAT SINCE 1825, OVER 800,000 NORWEGIANS EMIGRATED TO THE
UNITED STATES. THEY HAVE SINCE PROSPERED AND MULTIPLIED SO
THAT TODAY THERE MAY EVEN BE MORE "NORWEGIANS" IN AMERICA THAN
HERE IN NORWAY.

LOOKING BACK, ONE IS STRUCK BY THE ENORMOUS CONTRIBU-
TION NORWEGIANS HAVE MADE TO AMERICAN SOCIETY. FROM THE BEGINNING THEY

WERE LEADERS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND EXERTED GREAT INFLUENCE ON WHAT
HAS NOW EMERGED AS AMERICAN CULTURE. SOME ROSE TO HIGH OFFICE AND
WEALTH, WHILE OTHERS IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES SHAPED AND INVIGORATED
THE DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES THAT GUIDE AMERICA TODAY. MEN OF
NORWEGIAN HERITAGE STAND TODAY IN THE FOREFRONT OF THOSE GUIDING
OUR NATION INTO ITS THIRD CENTURY. WE CANNOT FORGET THE IMPORTANCE
EACH OF OUR COUNTRIES HAS HAD FOR THE OTHER.

AND THERE ARE GREAT THINGS YET TO DO, CHALLENGES THAT
WILL DEMAND OUR UNITY, OUR WILL, AND OUR STRENGTH.
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--WE MUST INTENSIFY OUR PARTNERSHIPS WITH OUR FRIENDS AND
ALLIES AND DRAW ON THEIR VITALITY. WE KNOW THAT A LAND WHICH
SENT SO MANY BRAVE SETTLERS TO AMERICA SHARES NOT ONLY OUR
FRIENDSHIP AND HISTORY, BUT OUR IDEALS AND THE DETERMINATION
TO DEFEND THEM. NORWAY'S STRATEGIC POSITION IS PARTICULARLY
VITAL TO THE DEFENSE OF EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES, AND WE
ARE GRATIFIED TO NOTE THE SERIOUS CONCERN AND CONSTRUCTIVE
LEADERSHIP NORWAY HAS SHOWN IN MEETING THE SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES
OF THE ALLIANCE. AMERICA'S COMMITMENT TO NATO IS FIRM;
WE ARE PLEDGED TO DEFEND ITS ALLIES WHEN THEY ARE MENACED OR
ATTACKED.

--BUT THE BICENTENNIAL IS ALSO A TIME TO LOOK FORWARD; A
TIME OF NEW HOPE AND FRESH DREAMS. THE PROBLEMS WE FACE TODAY--

IN ECONOMICS, ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE, AND THE LAW OF THE SEA--KNOW NO BOUDARIES. AS WE SHARE THESE PROBLEMS SO MUST WE SHARE THEIR SOLUTIONS. THE DAY WHEN ANY ONE NATION COULD STAND ALONE HAS PASSED.

--MY GOVERNMENT DEEPLY APPRECIATES THE COOPERATION AND LEADERSHIP NORWAY HAS SHOWN IN WORKING WITHIN SUCH FIELDS AS ENERGY AND THE CRUCIAL LAW OF THE SEA NEGOTIATIONS. OUR PARTNER-SHIP TRULY REFLECTS THE DEPTH AND BREADTH OF OUR CLOSE BILATERAL RELATIONS.

--WE MUST SEARCH FOR WAYS TO BUILD A WIDER WORLD COMMUNITY OUT OF THE CONFLICTING DESIRES OF 150 NATIONS. WE MUST FIND A NEW PATTERN OF RELATIONSHIPS THAT WILL SATISFY THE EMERGING NATIONS' NEEDS FOR A MORE EQUITABLE SHARE OF THE WORLD'S PROSPERITY AND BENEFIT ALL. TOGETHER WE NATIONS OF THE WESTERN WORLD CAN MEET THESE PROBLEMS AND CAN SPEAK FOR THE FAMILY OF MAN.

I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DID NOT NOTE IN CONCLUSION THAT THIS EXHIBIT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE EFFORTS OF OUR NORWEGIAN FRIENDS--THE NORWAY AMERICA ASSOCIATION, THE NORWEGIAN AMERICAN BUSINESS MEN'S CLUB, AND THE NORWEGIAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. I WOULD LIKE TO CONVEY TO YOU OUR THANKS FOR THIS WONDERFUL EXPRESSION OF THE FRIENDSHIP WHICH HAS ALWAYS MARKED THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.
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